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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 31 October 2005

Dear Sir:

Attorney for Applicant in the above-captioned application hereby responds to the Office Action mailed 31 October 2005. At the time the Office Action issued, claims 1 to 33 were pending.

Following presentation of a replacement drawing sheet and claim amendments, a remarks section starts on page 10.

Should the present response incur any fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to our Deposit Account 19-1800 (or to credit this account for refunding any amount in excess of requirements).